



House & Lights Tour

Christmas in
Greenwich

Saturday, December 11, 2022
2pm-8pm



Cumberland County
Historical Society
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Greenwich, NJ 08323

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A special Thank You to the homeowners who included their houses on the tour and to the local organizations and businesses who participated in the event. You all made today's event a successful one! Without you, there would have been no Holiday House & Lights Tour. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

PLEASE

**Do not park block driveways.
No smoking or eating in any home or building.**

The number shown beside each item corresponds with the numbers shown on the map inside this program and with the signs posted in front of each building on the tour.

SCHEDULE FOR THE AFTERNOON

You are free to stroll on your own but we provide this schedule in case you are interested in participating in any or all of our timely seasonal events throughout the day.

2pm – 6pmHomes and Exhibits Open

6pm.... Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Lummis Library.

**6:30pm.... Special Music by Millville Woman's Club at the Greenwich Baptist
Church**

5-8pm... Lights Tour

*We are pleased you visited with us today and hope your visit was enjoyable and informative.
Please come back again!*

A special Thank You to the volunteers who made today's event a success, as well as to our Greenwich residents who so graciously opened and decorated their homes. Your generosity has not gone unnoticed. Without you, there would be no event.

2022 Holiday House & Lights Tour Committee and Volunteers:

Maureen Sapnar, Bonnie Flanagan, Brittney Ingersoll, Tia Antonelli

OPEN HOUSES

2pm-6pm

1. NOAH FLANIGAN/THOMAS E. STATHEM, M.D. HOUSE – 1834

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reinhart



Noah Harris Flanigan purchased 33 acres of land from Providence Sheppard on February 3, 1831, and built a three-story brick house in 1834, naming it Mount View. This house is a good example of the post-colonial period of architecture. Notice the original hardware, the four fireplace mantles and the original floorboards that span the width of the house upon which the walls were constructed. The exterior ornamental ironwork was added many years later by Thomas Ewing Stathem, M.D. You can

note the name of the foundry “W CARNELL MAKER GLASSBORO NJ” cast on the upright of the top step. Dr. Stathem, a surgical doctor in the Civil War, died on July 10, 1891 and is buried in the cemetery of the Greenwich Presbyterian Church.

2. SHEPPARD TENANT HOUSE – 1789

Ms. Penelope S. Watson



The John Sheppard Tenant House was constructed in 1789 at the dead end of Ye Greate Street. In 1822 the house was “fixed...up with a room for a weaver’s shop” by James Dare, who made carpets there. The original one-story kitchen was demolished in the mid-19th century, and the current 1 ½ story addition built. In 1891, the property was subdivided and purchased by Charles Briggs, a fisherman and yacht captain who lived there with his family of twelve children. It was moved to the river bank in 1955

and used as an outbuilding, and moved a second time to its present location in 1984. It is unusual for being Dutch-framed, a rarity in South Jersey

3. JOSEPH DENNIS HOUSE – Circa 1690

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Flanagan



One of Cumberland County’s oldest timber frame buildings is the Joseph Dennis House built circa 1690. Joseph Dennis was not the first builder/owner, but is the first person specifically mentioned as the owner in a 1749 survey. The house has a massive summer beam and all of the original framing was hand hewn which is typical of first period construction. The interior was not originally plastered, but had exposed clapboard and framing. In around 1820-1830, a north room was added for silk worm culture, popular at the time. Until the exhaustive research done by Joan Berkey in her book **Early Wood Architecture of Cumberland County, New Jersey** (from which the information in this paragraph is excerpted) the home was called The Silk House

4. THE PIRATE HOUSE— 1734

Mr. & Mrs. Gregg Sappnar



The Pirate House, sometimes known as the Daniels House based on one of the few existing early deeds, is dated to 1734 from a stamp found on one of its rainspouts. Architectural analysis suggests the house may date a decade or so earlier. Legends say the house was originally built by one of the pirates operating in the Delaware Bay; his ghost is rumored to haunt this house, although this is not substantiated by any of the recent homeowners. The original part of the house is built of timber frame. An addition built with Flemish Bond brickwork was added in the late 1700s and the house was later remodeled around 1880 to its present Victorian-era appearance, inside and out. For a house of its time, the rooms are large and comfortable with an old cooking fireplace converted to propane in the brick portion of the home.

5. OLD STONE TAVERN

Quentin & Marie Wheeler



Early 1729 records indicate that a tavern was operated for many years by Captain Jacob Ware. The fieldstone building constructed during the 18th Century is built of ballast rock brought to the village from Pennsylvania and New England. Now a carefully restored private home, the tavern served the public until the time of the Civil War. Notice the eleven-foot fireplace with its twelve-inch square beam in the keeping of the old tavern, and the fireplace and built-in corner cupboard in the

“ladies’ parlor.”

6. WILLIAM AND ELIZABETH WAITHMAN HOUSE – Circa 1680 *Mr. Kevin Chambers*



The first recorded sale of this small house on Ye Greate Street was in 1776 by Constant Waithman, who may have come to own the house as the grandson of William and Elizabeth Waithman. It is possible that Constant’s grandfather may have built the house on land given to him by his mother-in-law, the widow Daniell’s before his marriage in 1680 to her daughter Elizabeth. The house is recognized as one of four heavy timber frame houses in Cumberland County built with what is known as a “Summer Beam,” an archaic building support member that was used in the 17th century to carry the second floor joists for support of the 16-inch-wide flooring. The house remained, on and off, with the

Waithman family until 1863. The present owner has furnished the house with several antique pieces from the local Cumberland County area. Most notable is the William Morris tall case clock from Bridgeton.

7. WARREN AND REBA LUMMIS GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL LIBRARY – 1969

This modern building was constructed in an authentic colonial style in order to harmonize with the other buildings on Ye Greate Street. The decorative spikes on the slate roof prevent snow or ice from sliding off the roof. Originally built as a bank, the building is now owned by the Cumberland County Historical Society and houses its genealogical library and many artifacts pertinent to Cumberland County’s history.

8. BULLS EYE HOUSE – Dr. Holmes House – 1760

Mr. Kevin Chambers



One of the masterpieces of Colonial Greenwich, this frame house was built before 1775. This home is outstanding for its fineness or architectural detail. It is an example of beaded clapboard, meaning there is a ridge on the lower edge of each board. The beautiful classis doorway is noteworthy because of the four “bulls eye” glass. These large pieces of glass, in several shades of blue and green are actually the pontil marks of hand-blown window glass. The dentil cornice over the classis doorway is another of the masterpieces of Colonial Greenwich. The moldings in the formal room inside matches this dentil work.

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9. BACON’S NECK SCHOOL

Mr. William Adair & Mr. Tom Grammer



This building was built in 1882 and remodeled in 1915. Construction was paid by subscriptions and salaries collected from parents. It consisted of two rooms, grades 1 through 3 and grades 4 through 7. The Pupil’s Association held annual reunions and published "The Old Slate" beginning July 1915 through 1939. Bacon's Neck School was restored by Sam Sadtler in the last ten years. He sought to preserve the spirit of Bacon's Neck School while turning it into a home, which is now owned by Bill Adair and Tom Grammer. One can even find a blackboard wall in the schoolroom of the schoolhouse! Farms and other historic buildings surround the Bacon's School.

10. THE GRIFFIN – 1730



purchased the store then named “Campbell’s Store.” After Reba Campbell’s death in 1970, Sara C. Watson purchased the store and operated it as “The Griffin” until her death in 2004. The store at that time had operated for 274 years. In “The Griffin” area of the store, there is a Christmas Past Thrift Store! These include lamps, shades, miniature furniture, cookie cutters, antique glass and many more items. All proceeds go to benefit the Cumberland County Historical Society.

11. THE FITHIAN HOUSE – c. 1720s



Society. Mrs Fithian and the sewing club sewed an American flag that was over 25 feet long that flew at the corner of Roadstown. The flag was later found at an estate sale and is currently in the museum in Greenwich. Joel Fithian was also one of the Greenwich Teaburners and a Colonel in the army. His home was also a doctors office - a great grandson of Joel Fithian.

13. GIBBON HOUSE – 1730

This town house was erected in 1730 by Nicholas Gibbon, who, with his brother Leonard, had inherited 6,000 acres of land near Greenwich. Nicholas built his home in the village in order to be convenient to his shipping business. The house is an excellent example of Flemish Bond patterned brick work with the red and blue alternating headers and stretchers forming the distinctive pattern and

Mr. Warren Q. Adams

This building is a rare, first-period commercial heavy timber frame that started out as a warehouse and store and possibly the oldest commercial building in Cumberland County according to Joan Berkey, Architectural Historian. Under David Stathem’s ownership, the Othello Post Office was in the store in 1897 to 1906 with the introduction of Rural Delivery. Charles L. Harris was owner from 1916 until 1939 when Clinton and Reba Riggins Campbell

a pent roof. This house is a replica of a London town house admired by Mr. Gibbon. Today, the Gibbon House is occupied as headquarters for the Cumberland County Historical Society.

Kathryn Saxton Granato of South Jersey Curations, LLC will be doing hearthside cooking demonstrations

12. MOSES SHEPPARD HOUSE — 1830

Kate Logan

The west side of this house was built around 1830 and included just one room each on the first and second floors. The east side of the house was added around 1850. If you look closely, you can see that the clapboards do not match exactly. Back portions of both sides were added in the late 1800s. Inside, the door styles reflect the different decades in which they were milled. Various owners continued renovations up to the current day.

14. ROADSTOWN METHODIST EPISCOPAL PARSONAGE

Zoe Moore

This beautiful, distinctly yellow home was once the parsonage of the Roadstown Methodist Episcopal Church, which stood in the now-driveway of the residence until the 1960s-70s. Though the church itself is no longer standing, the house still holds hymnal books and a painted depiction of the buildings in tandem.



15. SHEPPARD FAMILY HOUSE — 1805

Leslie Gomez

Originally built in 1805 (with an addition in 1824), the house was owned by the Sheppard family, abolitionists who worked to support the Underground Railroad. Between 1805 and 1882, the Sheppard family gave or sold land to formerly enslaved people who chose to stay in Greenwich, Springtown, and Hopewell. The manor house was later purchased by the Holly Shores Girl Scout Council in 1959, and many Greenwich residents grew up swimming in Sheppards Mill Pond, which is now part of the Cohanse River Wildlife Management Area.



DON'T MISS!

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

GREENWICH FIRE HALL 1000 YE GREATE STREET

At this site, you will be able to visit Santa and experience the fun and excitement in Santa's busy workshop, with a dunk tank for added fun. Enjoy some hot chocolate and cookies! You may drop off your letter at this location and it will be sent directly to the North Pole!

GREENWICH BAPTIST CHURCH

928 YE GREATE STREET

The Baptist preaching mission was started the year before the building was erected. The date in the gable end is 1844. Members of the Cohansey Baptist Church living in Greenwich built this church and conducted evening services here until 1850 when they were constituted as a separate church.

Enjoy a performance by the Millville Women's Choir at 6:30pm.

GREENWICH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

630 YE GREATE STREET

Here, you can view a display of Nativity Scenes from around the world while enjoying homemade soup (which can be taken to-go), cookies, and other baked goods. There will also be a pop-up shop where you can buy crafts, gifts, and Christmas decorations.

LIGHTS TOUR

5pm-8pm

Tree Lighting @ 6pm

16. 425 Ye Greate Street

17. 1061 Ye Greate Street

18. 15 Pier Road

19. 16 Pier Road

20. 37 Market Lane

21. 1001 Bridgeton Road

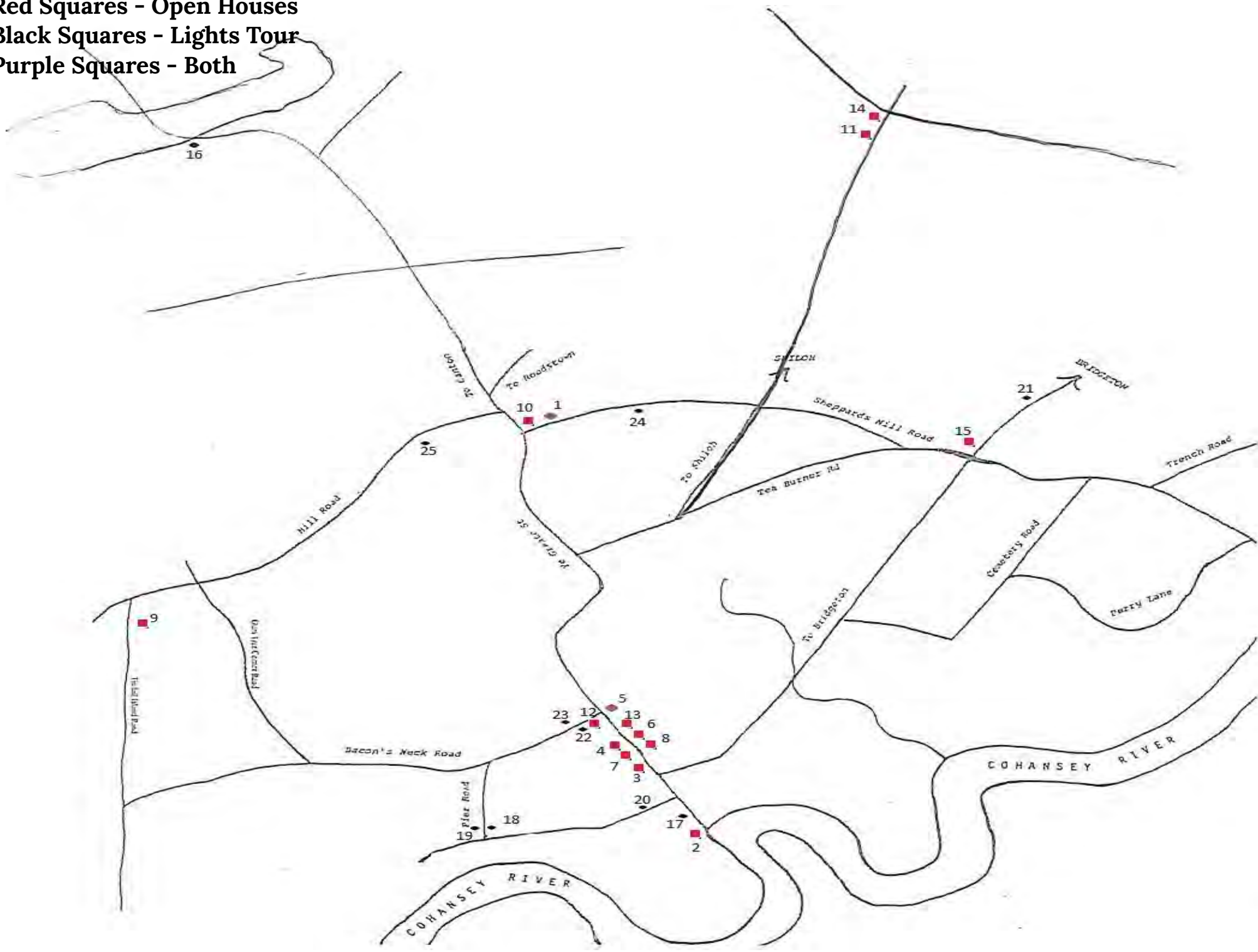
22. 38 Bacon's Neck Road

23. 41 Bacon's Neck Road

24. 1144 Sheppard's Mill Road

25. 48 Old Mill Road

Red Squares - Open Houses
Black Squares - Lights Tour
Purple Squares - Both



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Griffin Christmas Store

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